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Applicants hereby Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment in the above-cited application.

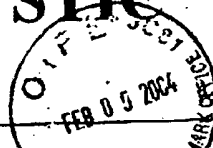
Applicants are in receipt of the Communication mailed January 23, 2004 holding the above-cited application abandoned in view of Applicants' alleged failure to respond to the Official Action mailed June 5, 2003.

Enclosed is a copy of the Amendment and Reply with attachments identified on the postcard and Transmittal Letter (One-Month Extension of Time, Information Disclosure Statement Transmittal Letter, Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form-1449 w/2 references, Paper and CRF (diskette) copies of the Sequence Listing and Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825) timely filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 6, 2003, together with checks in the amounts of \$110.00 and \$180.00. Also enclosed is a date

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In view of the fact that Applicants' response to the outstanding Office Action was timely filed, and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date of filing, withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in this case is respectfully requested.

No fees are believed to be due by this paper. However, in the event that any fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct such fees from Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

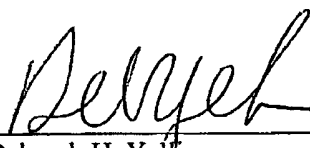
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